

Selected Facts for Wharton County - 1999

Demography

Estimated Population: 41,323

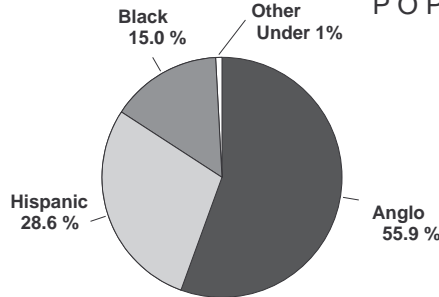
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 67

Population Per Square Mile: 37.9

Area in Square Miles: 1,090



POPULATION INFORMATION



Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	1,426	1,506	2,932	7.1 %
5 - 14	3,071	3,224	6,295	15.2 %
15 - 44	8,682	8,989	17,671	42.8 %
45 - 64	4,333	4,260	8,593	20.8 %
65 +	3,534	2,298	5,832	14.1 %
Total	21,046	20,277	41,323	100.0 %

County	State
County	50.9 %
State	50.4 %

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	5.5 %	4.6 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	218	369,938
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	2,394	1,457,347
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	5,616	2,676,056
Per Capita Personal Income, 1998	\$ 21,298	\$ 25,369

	Number	County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty, 1997			
Total	6,970	17.4 %	16.7 %
0 - 17 Years	2,808	23.0 %	23.6 %
18 Years and over	4,162	14.9 %	13.8 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Total	9,452	23.1 %	24.2 %
0 - 18 Years	3,063	25.0 %	25.0 %
19 - 64 Years	6,273	27.5 %	27.6 %

Natality

	Births ¹	County	State
Total Live Births	615		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	66	10.7 %	6.1 %
Unmarried Mothers	245	39.8 %	31.3 %
Low Birth Weight ¹	37	6.0 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ¹	213	35.0 %	20.7 %
Fertility Rate ³	County: 70.8	State: 77.3	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	County	State
Tuberculosis	1	----	8.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	5	----	2.3
Gonorrhea	99	239.6	163.0
Chlamydia	166	401.7	311.9
AIDS	5	----	14.3
Hepatitis A	4	----	12.6
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	----	37.3

Mortality² (See note below)

	Deaths ¹	County	State
Deaths From All Causes	410	900.9	897.7
Cardiovascular Disease	163	348.9	360.3
Heart Disease	114	246.2	272.7
Stroke	32	67.1	66.3
All Cancer	103	232.3	199.7
Lung Cancer	30	65.7	56.3
Female Breast Cancer	6	----	25.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	14	----	47.4

	Deaths ¹	County	State
Diabetes	20	----	30.4
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	19	----	38.2
Motor Vehicle Injury	12	----	15.6
Homicide	3	----	6.4
Suicide	3	----	10.5
Work-related Injury	0	----	2.8
Infant Deaths	1	----	6.2
Fetal Deaths ¹	11	----	6.4

¹ All births and deaths are by county of residence. Low birth weight represents live-born infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth. Late prenatal care refers to mothers who did not receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth.

Note ² Mortality data reported for 1999 are not comparable with data reported for prior years. Beginning in 1999, TDH is following the National Center for Health Statistics guidelines for reporting mortality statistics that include coding data using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision and age adjustments using the 2000 Standard Population.

³ Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44. Infant death rates and fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births. Work-related injury death rates are per 100,000 population. The remaining death rates have been age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. Standard Population per 100,000 population. Communicable disease rates are also per 100,000 population. Rates and percents have not been calculated if 20 or fewer births, deaths or cases occurred, as indicated by "----".

Health Professionals

	County	State
Direct Patient Care Physicians	60	28,595
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	689	701
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	3,757	3,790
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	2,894	2,293
Registered Nurses	209	118,929
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	198	169
Dentists	19	8,109
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	2,175	2,472

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals.	2	472
Licensed Beds.	210	72,201
Staffed Beds.	203	56,993
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 0	\$1,038,404,489
Nursing Homes	4	1,157
Licensed Beds.	445	127,432

No areas/populations in Wharton County were designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area as of January 2001. All of Wharton County was designated as a Medically Underserved Area as of January 2001. For updated information, please check with the Health Professions Resource Center at 512-458-7261 or at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/dpa/>.

Texas Department of Health Program Summary for Wharton County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program¹

Mammograms performed. 54

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents No

Chronically Ill and Disabled Children's Services¹

Eligible children. 23
Children served. 9
Amount paid. \$ 32,873

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency vehicles permitted. 10
EMS personnel certified. 94

Family Planning Services (Title V and XX)

Family planning services available to county residents Yes

Food and Drug Safety

Facilities licensed, registered, permitted
or accredited. 158

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 7,968

Oral Health Services¹

Children receiving dental care. 50

Milk and Dairy Products Division

Establishments regulated. 0

Primary Health Care/COPH Services¹

Reported clients served. 46

Kidney Health Care¹

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. 47
Estimated cost of treatments. \$ 37,491

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations. 29
Certified mammography locations. 2

Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)¹

Number of checkups. 1,148

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

Persons treated for TB infection. 18

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to
county residents Yes

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition¹

Clients receiving benefits. 2,776

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 0

¹Data are reported by county of residence of the client.

For information on sources of data, refer to the document *Texas Health Facts Data Sources, 1999*.